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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/791,190	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HALL, FRANK L.	
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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.  
     4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
     a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>3/29/06; 5/23/06</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____.  |

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The apparatus claims are written using a narrative form describing both method steps and workpiece limitations which do not positively describe the features of the apparatus. Claim 4, line 1, "An molding" in non idiomatic. Claims 4, 7, and 13, last line, "the automolding system" has no clear antecedent basis.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 5,352,107 to Oh in view of USPN 6,221,690 to Taniguchi et al. Oh describes the old and well known use of an automold system for molding semiconductor packages. Taniguchi et al describe (Abstract) "removing the unnecessary solder resist under irradiation of a laser" in the production of a semiconductor package. Taniguchi et al also describe (column 6, last paragraph) removal of resist and subsequently "encapsulating resin 9 was injected into the mold". The use of the laser in an automold

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system would have been obvious at the time applicant's invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art because the use of the laser in the molding process is well known and the close association of tooling provides rapid production. Both Nd:Yag and CO2 lasers are well known for ablation and the substitution of an Nd:Yag for the CO2 disclosed by Taniguchi et al would have been obvious at the time applicant's invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art because both are readily available and are capable of ablation.

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP404113663A in view either of USPN 5,352,107 to Oh or USPN 6,465,743 to Owens. JP404113663A describes well known combination of a laser and a transfer molding machine. Both Oh and Owens describe well known automolding machines. The use of the laser in an automold system would have been obvious at the time applicant's invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art because the automold system provides closely associated tooling for rapid production. Nd:Yag lasers are well known for ablation and the substitution of an Nd:Yag for the "laser" disclosed by JP404113663A would have been obvious at the time applicant's invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art because both are readily available and are capable of ablation.

### ***Conclusion***

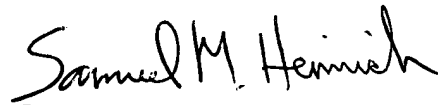
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samuel M. Heinrich whose telephone number is 571-272-1175. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, P. Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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